

The present BPL proposal has the potential to effectively make a large portion of the shortwave spectrum next to useless. Radiation from power lines now creat noise levels that restrict the use of frequencies below 30 mHz in many areas. Power companies have shown little inclination to clean up such interference to licenced radio services from existing radiation interference. I suggest that they would view BPL interference in the same light. It could have the effect of crippling the only reliable widespread communications in the event of an emergency, such as fires, floods, huricanes, etc.